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Second Semi-Final of Dockerty Cup

PARK RANGERS

versus

BRIGHTON

SATURDAY, 17th SEPT., 1949

OLYMPIC PARK, BATMAN AVENUE

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

CURTAIN RAISER

Reserve Cup - - Second Semi-Final

BRADFORD (Reserves)

versus

PARK RANGERS (Reserves)

Kick-off at 1.15 p.m.

EDITORIAL.

To-day's big game will give us the second finalists who will meet South Yarra in the Final of the Dockerty Cup next week.

Brighton, who last week put paid to the hopes of the last 2nd Division team in the competition (Sandringham City), will find tough opposition in the Cup-holders (Park Rangers), who are a noted cup fighting side—this being their third year in Cup semi-finals in succession. In the last two they reached the finals and last year won the Cup.

However, Brighton's record this season is one any Club can well be proud of and in their fight to achieve the double honour of League 1 Champions and also Winners, they have set themselves a hard task, though not one which is unsurmountable.

In Brighton side are three of the Victorian side which drew with th Jugo-Slavs, i.e., Jack, McDougall and Barr. The last-named also played in the Australian Test Team for which Wilson, of Park Rangers, was a reserve. Wilson afterwards played for the Australian II against Jugo-Slavia in Adelaide.

South Yarra, who have already reached next week's final, will have a battle on their hands with whichever teams go forward from to-day's game. South Yarra fully deserved their win last Saturday, but it was unfortunate for Western Suburbs that having had as much of the game as the Yarra, they should lose their outside right, Taylor, through injury and particularly unfortunate that he broke his leg.

Western Suburbs are to be congratulated on the gallant fight with ten men and the fact that their only goal followed closely on Taylor's injury speaks volumes for the fighting spirit of this side.

The Local Derby, at Brighton, which is described elsewhere in this issue, was also a hard fought game, whilst Yallourn's debacle against Park Rangers, at Middle Park, ensures their relegation to Division 2 next season.

All lovers of Soccer who realize the hard battle against odds which the Gippslanders have put up, will be sorry to hear of their misfortunes and will wish them a speedy return to the Seat of the Mighty—Division 1.

WHAT ABOUT IT?. MID-WEEK SOCCER, 1950.

The Police, the Navy, the Army, a Railway team, a Tramways team Night Shift Workers, Hospital Attendants, a Postal team. What abou starting now to organize a mid-week Soccer League, with the abovenamed teams competing?

Next Saturday, 24th September, at Olympic Park

DOCKERTY CUP FINAL

South Yarra

versus

Brighton or Park Rangers

Kick Off at 2.45 p.m.

DOCKERTY CUP 3rd ROUND.

The long-awaited local derby between Brighton and Sandringham City resulted in the former entering the Dockerty Cup semi-finals by the odd goal in three, after a hard-fought game.

A large crowd saw Brighton win the toss and elect to kick down the slope. Play was even to start with, the ball swinging from end to end in turn, but after ten minutes a determined attack by Sandringham saw a Brighton defender handle under pressure in the penalty box. White made no mistake from the spot, beating Sinclair with a well placed shot to give Sandringham the lead.

Stung by this reverse, Brighton attacked fiercely. Their mid-field play and approach work being very accurate, but broke down against a strong defence near goal. Dolric went close with two long shots, and Sandringham conceded three corners in quick succession. The Sandringham forwards were not idle and from a pass by Finney, Walton eluded Jack and sent in a hard shot to the corner of the net, only to see Sinclair dive across the goal to make a grand save.

After 25 minutes Brighton equalized. Dolric received the ball about 30 yards from goal and sent in a high dropping shot which passed just under the bar.

Both sides now pressed strongly in turn, but two strong defences kept the forwards under control and neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled.

Both sidts were playing the third back game very effectively, the respective centre-halves—Jack for Brighton and White for Sandringham—were controlling the centre of the field, whilst both sets of full-backs were keeping a close watch on the opposing wingers. The teams were playing typical cup-tie football; the game being very fast and the crowd was kept on its toes, being provided with plenty of thrills. Half-time score: Brighton 1, Sandringham City 1.

Sandringham appeared to have the advantage with the sun and slope in their favour, but Brighton swung straight into attack. Maintaining heavy pressure they forced 6 corners in quick succession, but could not improve on them. Sandringham packed their goal and Davies in goal was not seriously troubled. Davies and L. Bingham were keeping Barr and McDougall fairly subdued, but McDougall eluded Bingham on one occasion and as a melee in front of goal resulted in Brighton being awarded an indirect free-kick, but Jack shot over the bar.

After 30 minutes of the second half, Brighton scored the winning goal; Nicholson, receiving from McDougall, sent a grand shot past Davies.

Parvin was trying hard to get the Sandringham forwards working and on two occasions skimmed the cross-bar with hard shots. In a last effort Sandringham forced a corner which was well placed by McClennan, and Brighton were lucky to scramble the ball off the goal line.

It was a hard fought game with defenders predominating. Final score: Brighton 2 goals, Sandringham City 1 goal.

THE SCRIBE.

YES, LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Why not a Sunday Amateur League, 1950? Teams to be: 1. Wallabies (Aussie born players North of the Yarra); 2. Kangaroos (Aussie born players South of the Yarra); 3. Aussie (returned servicemen); 4. Thistle (Scottish born); 5. Rose (English born); 6. Shamrock (Irish born); 7. Leeks (Welsh born); 8. Northern Europe (Northern European born); 9. Southern Europe (Southern European born); 10. Israel (Jewish born).

Proceeds of all matches to be distributed as follows: 25 per cent. to charity, 25 per cent. to Junior Soccer Association and remaining 50 per cent. for League administration expenses, etc. Organizers are wanted, so if you can assist, contact Mr. J. Parker, 22 Southerham Street, Regent, or phone LB 1444.

Dockerty Cup 2nd Semi-Final

BRIGHTON

(1) SINCLAIR

(2) GOODE (3) WILKINSON

(4) McMURRAY (5) JACK (capt.) (6) SCOTT

(8) DOBRICH (10) THOMAS

(7) McDOUGALL (9) NICHOLSON (11) BARR

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(11) GILLIES (9) MULCEAHY (7) HIGHETT

(10) WILSON (8) DICKINSON

(6) HOLDER (capt.) (5) GUY (4) PETTERSON

(3) WEST (2) MACKIE

(1) WEIGHT

PARK RANGERS

Teams for the Curtain Raiser at Olympic Park at 1.15 p.m.

PARK RANGERS (Reserves)

(1) ASLING

(2) FOX R. (3) NELSON

(4) WINDSOR (5) HARRISON (6) STEWART

(8) FOX, A. (10) WILSON, J.

(7) CLARK, E. (9) HUGHES (11) LOMAX

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Reserve : ADAMS

(11) GRAY (9) SMILEY (7) CARRUTHERS

(10) HARRISON (8) TREADWELL

(6) McDONALD (5) DALY (4) HAW

(3) SMITH (2) DAY

(1) GILLESPIE

BRADFORD (Reserves)

NOTES ON TO-DAY'S PLAYERS.

PARK RANGERS SOCCER CLUB.

WEIGHT, goal. Played as an amateur with Southampton (English League Club, season 1947).

MACRIE, right-back. Learned his football with South Melbourne Tech. and P.R. Juniors. Played in Interstate junior games and has played over 120 games with this Club.

WEST, left-back. Product of London County schools. Has proved a definite acquisition over the past two seasons.

PETTERSON, right-half. Another instance of the local junior of interstate standard making the grade in senior ranks.

GUY, centre-half. Further proof of the local product. Apart from duties with the Navy, has played all his Soccer with Park Rangers.

HOLDER, left-half (Captain). Has played throughout his career with Rangers. A nippy type of player.

HIGHET, out-side right. Hails from Scotland. Played with Coburg before coming to Rangers this season.

DICKINSON, inside-right. Product of P.R. Juniors. Conscientious type of player. Never spares himself.

MULCEAHY, centre-forward. Has seen service with Limerick City. During the war took part in service competitions.

WILSON, inside-left. Product of P.R. Juniors. Played interstate with Juniors. Selected as reserve in 2nd Test v. Jugo-Slavia, played with the Victorian team against Jugo-Slavia and played in Adelaide against our overseas visitors.

GILLIS, outside-left. Born in England, played with Coburg until signing with Rangers this season.

BRIGHTON SOCCER CLUB.

SINCLAIR, goal. Born in Scotland. Has played 4 years in Brighton's Seniors.

GOODE, right-back. Has been with Brighton since his Junior days. Represented Victoria against S. Africa two years ago.

WILKINSON, left-back. Came to Brighton from Moreland. Played left-half for Victoria versus South Africa.

McMURRAY, right-half. Has been some years with Brighton. Most consistant player in the side.

JACK, centre-half (Captain). Three years Scottish professional with Dumfernshire and Third Lanark.

SCOTT, left-half. Junior International. Learnt soccer with Brighton Club.

McDOUGALL, outside right. Played soccer with Bredalbane (Perthshire Senior League), Scotland.

DOBRICH, inside-right. From Split, Jugo-Slavia. Played with Jugo-Slav Olympic Games team.

NICHOLSON, centre-forward. Came to Brighton from Ringwood. Consistent goal-scorer.

THOMAS, inside-left. Consistent Brighton Junior. Earned promotion to Senior team this season.

BARR, outside-left. Played as Junior with Benberg Club, Glasgow, and later with R.A.F. sides.

RISTICH, reserve. Born in Jugo-Slavia. Has played with Brighton all this season. Terrific shot and leading goal scorer.

VICTORIAN POLICE DEFEAT BRIGHTON.

The Victorian Police team met Brighton at Fawkner Park last Sunday afternoon. The final score being Victorian Police 3 goals, Brighton 2 goals. Quite a large crowd attended and a collection of £7/15/- was raised for the Len Collin's (Woodlands) Benefit Fund.

On Sunday, 18th September (tomorrow), the Victorian Police will play South Yarra, on South Melbourne's ground, at Middle Park. Kick off, 3.30 p.m.

CANDID CORNER.

The Editor "Soccer News."

Dear Sir,—The Olympic Games are exercising the minds of most of us these days and will continue to do so for some time. To provide a suitable Soccer team for the Games I suggest that a suitable ground or hall be secured where young boys could go to be taught the game in all its ramification, i.e., ball control, dribbling, positional play, etc.

To coach the boys I would suggest that experienced players of the calibre of Jack, of Brighton, White, of Sandringham City, and many other class players be invited to assist in a voluntary capacity. After teaching and at the discretion of these coaches the boys could be directed to Clubs who could provide the playing facilities.

By articles in our local papers parents may be induced to send their boys along and so give them the chance to make the grade for an Olympic team. This could also have the effect of keeping these good players in the game when their playing days are over, by showing them that Soccer is interested in them sincerely.

J. McLENNAN, President Sandringham City.

Dear Sir,—Having been in Soccer as a player, on a committee and now a spectator, for 20 years, I was very intrigued by the heading of an article in the Sporting Globe, by our well-known sporting writer. After the first round of the Cup, his heading was "Soccer reform needed."

I entirely agree with him, but start on him first, as his article, instead of being constructive, was merely destructive.

According to his article after Prahran, Box Hill and Moreland were knocked out there was no more interest in the game as a Cup-tie, but considering that Western Suburbs, Sandringham and Park Rangers, who are chock full of young-blood players of the future, were still in the competition, I think that the traditions of the Cup-tie, whether English, Scottish or just Dockerty Cup, have been exploited to the full this year by those clubs.

Those clubs are only names to the average Soccer follower owing to the paucity of our Sporting writer, in writing of these clubs during the season. The need for reform is in this department of Soccer to publicise all the clubs all the time and not just the top two or three 1st Grade clubs crammed into three or four inches of space which is really only waste space of a good sporting paper.

"PROGRESS."

Dear Sir,—As a Soccer player I would like to comment on the improvement shown in the assembling and editing of "Soccer News" this season. I consider that it now compares favourably with local football "Echoes" in England and Scotland.

The main improvement has been the supression of the lengthy leading articles dealing with records and prowess of overseas players (which have little interest locally) by articles of local interest. Mr. Dixon's articles have been consistently constructive and have contributed towards the improvement shown in the game in Victoria this season.

Mr. Dixon must be congratulated also on his reviews and analysis on the Jugo-Slav tour.

Praise is also due to Mr. Beaton, Association Secretary, for his accurate compilation of league tables and previous Saturday's results in Soccer News each week.

R. WHITE.

PLEASE NOTE

This edition, the preceeding edition, and next week's special Dockerty Cup Final Souvenir of 12 pages, are experimental numbers of " Soccer News."

Owing to the small circulation of this edition, it has been necessary to confine it to eight pages, but under normal conditions, when clubs are taking their usual quota, it will be possible to turn out a 12 page edition on the same lines at a small profit to both the Clubs and the Association.

You are, therefore, asked to discuss this number and decide among yourselves whether you would prefer "Soccer News" in this form (but with 12 pages) for next year or whether you prefer the old type.

V. J. M. DIXON.

REMINDERS.

All urgent Club notes for next week's Final edition of "Soccer News" should be handed to Mr. Dixon personally or to any Association Official at Olympic Park to-day (17/9/49).

Mr. Dixon will endeavour to contact the Secretaries of Clubs left in the finals.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES AND DELEGATES.

Club Secretaries and Delegates please note that no regular monthly meeting will be held after Tuesday, 27th September, unless notified of same in writing by the Secretary.

CLUB TREASURERS PLEASE NOTE.

Club Treasurers are reminded that all amounts due for payment should be finalized this month to enable the Treasurer to prepare the Balance Sheet for the year.

INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS TO AID JUNIORS AND SCHOOLBOYS.

A suggestion to aid the Junior Association funds is to organize next season an International knock-out competition to be played of a Sunday, comprising the following teams: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, Northern Europe and Southern Europe.

LEAGUE TABLES FINALIZED.

It is the intention of the Fixture Committee to treat all Leagues as completed after the necessary matches affecting promotion or relegation have been played on Saturday, 17th September. Final League tables will be published in "Soccer News" on Saturday, 24th September, and will be the Official Tables for Season 1949.

SOCCER AT MIDDLE PARK

Sunday, 18th September

Australia versus Great Britain

Kick Off at 2.45 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT 3/9/49.

First Division—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Brighton	16	14	0	2	52	16	30
Box Hill	18	9	4	5	46	40	23
Park Rangers	18	9	4	5	50	27	23
Moreland	18	9	7	2	50	39	20
Prahran	18	9	7	2	52	49	20
Sth. Yarra	17	5	8	4	35	37	14
Bradford	16	5	7	4	31	34	14
Sunshine	18	6	11	1	38	50	13
Yallourn	18	5	11	2	39	69	12
W. Suburbs	17	2	14	1	23	59	5

Second Division—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Sand'ham	17	16	0	1	57	13	33
S. Melb.	17	12	3	2	61	23	26
Hakoah	17	13	4	0	78	31	26
Ringwood	18	12	6	0	34	28	24
University	18	8	9	1	45	34	17
Preston	18	5	8	5	34	45	15
Heidelberg	18	6	11	1	31	46	13
Yarraville	18	4	11	3	26	45	11
Olympic	17	2	12	3	19	64	7
Will'town.	18	1	15	2	18	70	4

Third Division—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Juventus	17	16	1	0	84	17	32
George Cross	17	16	1	0	64	17	32
Fifers	17	12	4	1	54	31	25
Woodlands	17	8	8	1	34	28	17
Northcote	17	8	8	1	40	41	17
Y.C.W.M.	15	8	6	1	67	27	15
Macedonians	16	6	10	0	27	51	12
Brighton	16	4	11	1	50	70	9
Metters	16	4	12	0	32	72	8
Box Hill	12	4	8	0	7	37	8
Woodlands	17	1	16	0	9	84	2

All Fixtures completed in 3rd Division.

First Division Reserves—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Brighton	17	16	1	0	89	14	32
Park Rangers	17	15	2	0	75	15	30
Prahran	17	12	4	1	61	31	25
Sth. Yarra	17	9	6	2	58	48	2[illegible]
Box Hill	17	9	8	0	52	44	1[illegible]
Yallourn	17	8	8	1	32	51	17
Bradford	17	4	8	5	30	38	13
Moreland	18	2	14	2	20	56	6
Sunshine	17	1	13	3	10	91	5
W. Suburbs	16	1	13	2	23	72	4

Second Division Reserves—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Sand'ham	18	16	2	0	72	13	32
Hakoah	16	14	2	0	67	12	28
S. Melb.	17	13	3	1	62	22	27
Preston	18	12	6	0	58	27	22
Ringwood	18	9	8	1	41	37	19
Heidelberg	17	6	10	1	28	56	13
Olympic	17	5	10	2	17	46	12
Will'town.	18	4	13	1	29	52	9
Yarraville	17	4	13	0	9	82	6
University	18	1	17	0	8	44	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

Under 19 Division—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Yallourn	17	16	1	0	45	12	32
Preston	18	13	3	2	43	17	28
Box Hill	17	12	2	3	27	13	27
W. Suburbs	17	11	3	3	36	22	25
Brighton	17	8	8	1	20	27	17
Park Rangers	17	7	9	1	16	45	15
Hakoah	16	6	10	0	11	31	12
Sth. Yarra	17	6	11	0	13	44	12

Games yet to be played—

Box Hill v. Hakoah J.R.C.

Hakoah J.R.C. v. Western Suburbs.

South Yarra v. Brighton.

Park Rangers v. Yallourn.

Premiership won by Yallourn.

Under 17 Division—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
S. Melb. U.	18	18	0	0	101	7	36
Preston	17	14	2	1	63	27	29
Sunshine	17	11	3	3	38	16	2[illegible]
Metters	17	9	6	2	41	41	2[illegible]
Coburg	17	8	7	2	31	34	18
Bradford	17	9	8	0	22	39	18
Sand'ham	17	7	9	1	24	31	15
Brighton	17	7	9	1	25	41	15
Park Rangers	17	6	10	1	13	57	13
Ringwood	16	4	11	1	10	31	9
Northcote	16	3	13	0	9	53	6

Games yet to be played—

Ringwood v. Park Rangers.

Bradford v. Brighton.

Sunshine Utd. v. Ringwood.

Sandringham v. Northcote.

Preston v. Metters.

Coburg v. Northcote.

Premiership won by South Melb. Utd.

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